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House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

NEW NATIONAL POLL SHOWS STRONG SUPPORT FOR STEM CELL RESEARCH AMONG PRESIDENT BUSH SUPPORTERS

Bipartisan Support for Stem Cell Research is Increasing

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Dear Colleague,

We would like to share with you the encouraging findings of a national study conducted by Fabrizio, McLaughlin and Associates and released last week by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

The poll was conducted among self-identified conservative voters who supported President Bush in the 2004 election. The poll found the following:

- A majority (52%) of the voters support medical research using embryonic stem cells.
- A majority (55%) feels that the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research should be expanded.

The findings of this poll, in addition to the overwhelming support for the passage of Proposition 71 in California, demonstrates that there is broad national support for stem cell research. A majority of American voters are willing to fully support and explore the potential of this research.

In Congress, the bipartisan support for embryonic stem cell research is evidenced by the more than 200 Representatives and 58 Senators who signed letters to the President in support of expanding the current federal policy. In addition, more than 190 of you have joined us as cosponsors of the "Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act."

We look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that the full potential of stem cell research is explored. For more information or to cosponsor the "Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act" in the next Congress, please contact Elizabeth Wenk with Rep. Castle (5-4165) or Meghan Taira with Rep. DeGette (5-4431).



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Sincerely,



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